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Oliver LEGENDRE et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1764  
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Application No.: 08/914,244 ) Examiner: W. Griifin  
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Filed: August 19, 1997 )  
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For: CATALYTIC TREATMENT OF )  
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CONTAINING VARYING )  
AMOUNTS OF SULFUR )  
COMPOUNDS )

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 24, 2000, reconsideration is respectfully requested for the following reasons.

**Legal Basis of §102 Rejection**

Initially, the undersigned gratefully acknowledges the opportunity to discuss the March 24, 2000 Official Action with Examiner Griffin during a telephone conference on June 26, 2000. During the telephone discussion, Examiner Griffin explained that the prior Examiner (Examiner Bullock) left the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and that he reopened prosecution to make a §102 rejection based on his understanding of MPEP §2131.03. After discussing that MPEP section, Examiner Griffin indicated that he would consider withdrawing the §102 rejection if Applicants establish that the Goodboy reference does not disclose the claimed invention with "sufficient specificity". As explained below, the Goodboy reference does not meet the requirements for a showing of anticipation.

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